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1. The Passenger Automobile Factory (FSO - Fabryka Samochodow Osobowych) in Zeran near Warsaw manufactures the Warszawa car. Officials in the factory state that within three years they expect to manufacture 25,000 cars a year, the capacity for which the factory was designed. At present they are turning out 5,000 cars a year, of which 30% are exported.

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- 2. On the occasion of a recent visit to the factory, only about one quarter of the machines in the machine shop were actually operating and large numbers of workers throughout the factory were standing about idly in conversation. The whole pace of the works appeared to be very leisurely.
- 3. About 6,000 workers are employed in two shifts of eight hours each.
- 4. Despite statements by factory officials that all raw materials and equipment were obtained from domestic production, a number of large crates marked from the USSR and Czechoslovakia were observed at the factory. Those which were being unpacked at the time of a recent visit contained electrical equipment, bumpers, glass and other items.
- 5. The shop which was most active at the time of the visit was the one in which women were engaged in scrubbing thick rust from car bodies. It appeared that the bodies had been left out in the open for some time. The inference drawn was that there had been a delay in assembly.
- 6. The plant was well laid out with modern equipment obtained from both Eastern and Western Europe. In design it compared favorably with similar plants in the United Kingdom.
- 7. The director of the FSO factory is Engineer Dyja Julian.

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